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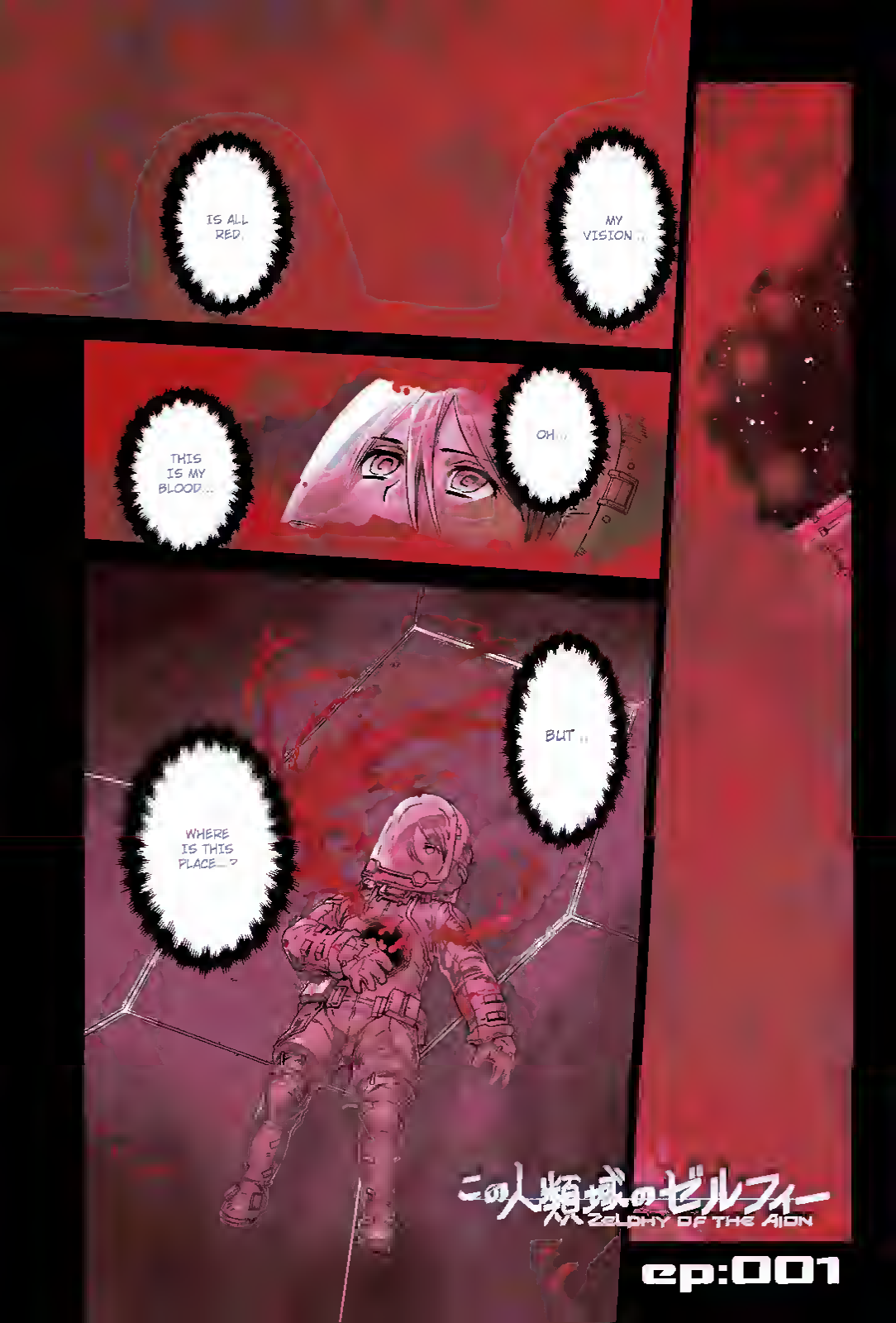
IS ALL RED
MY VISION...
THIS IS MY BLOOD...
OH...
BUT...
WHERE IS THIS PLACE...?
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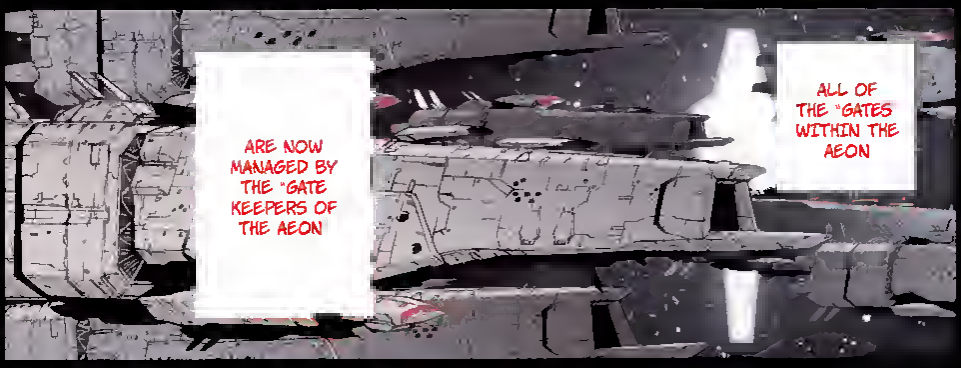
ETOROUJI SHIONO Presents

THIS IS 03, ROGER.
NO REACTION FROM THE COFFIN WAS DETECTED. WE'LL SEARCH IN THE NEXT CUBIC REGION.
03, THIS IS 01.
IF WE ACTUALLY FOUND IT HERE...
I WOULD FAINT.

IN THE YEAR OF 995 AEON STANDARD CALENDAR, THE WAR OF ZAISHION CAME TO AN END.



"TERRITORY OF HUMANS"
AEON
A TERM USED TO REFER TO SELF-EXPANDING TERRITORIES
THE HUMAN RACE HAS BEEN TRYING FOR THE PAST THOUSAND YEARS TO CONQUER THEM

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6 YEARS LATER
COMPOUND SATELLITE CITY PHADZIMAAL, THE ZAISHION GALAXY
IT'S HUGE!
IT'S A TUBE WORM!
IT WENT IN YOUR DIREC-TION!
RISCHA!

BLAH!
LET'S THROW IT INTO THE CRACKING FURNACE... THEN TAKE A SHOWER.
GREAT JOB, RISCHA.

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MY NAME IS LYSJA LION IIPHADZIT,
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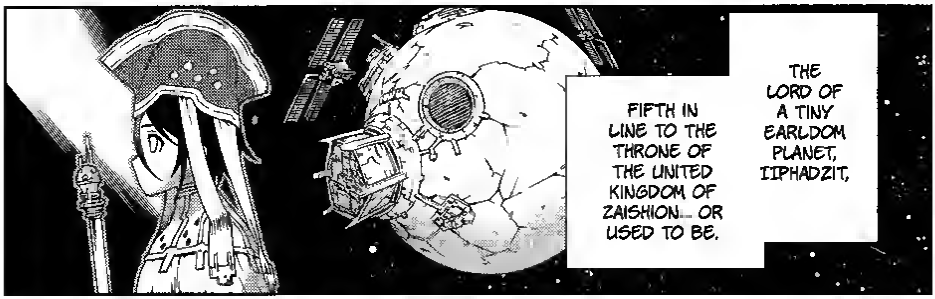
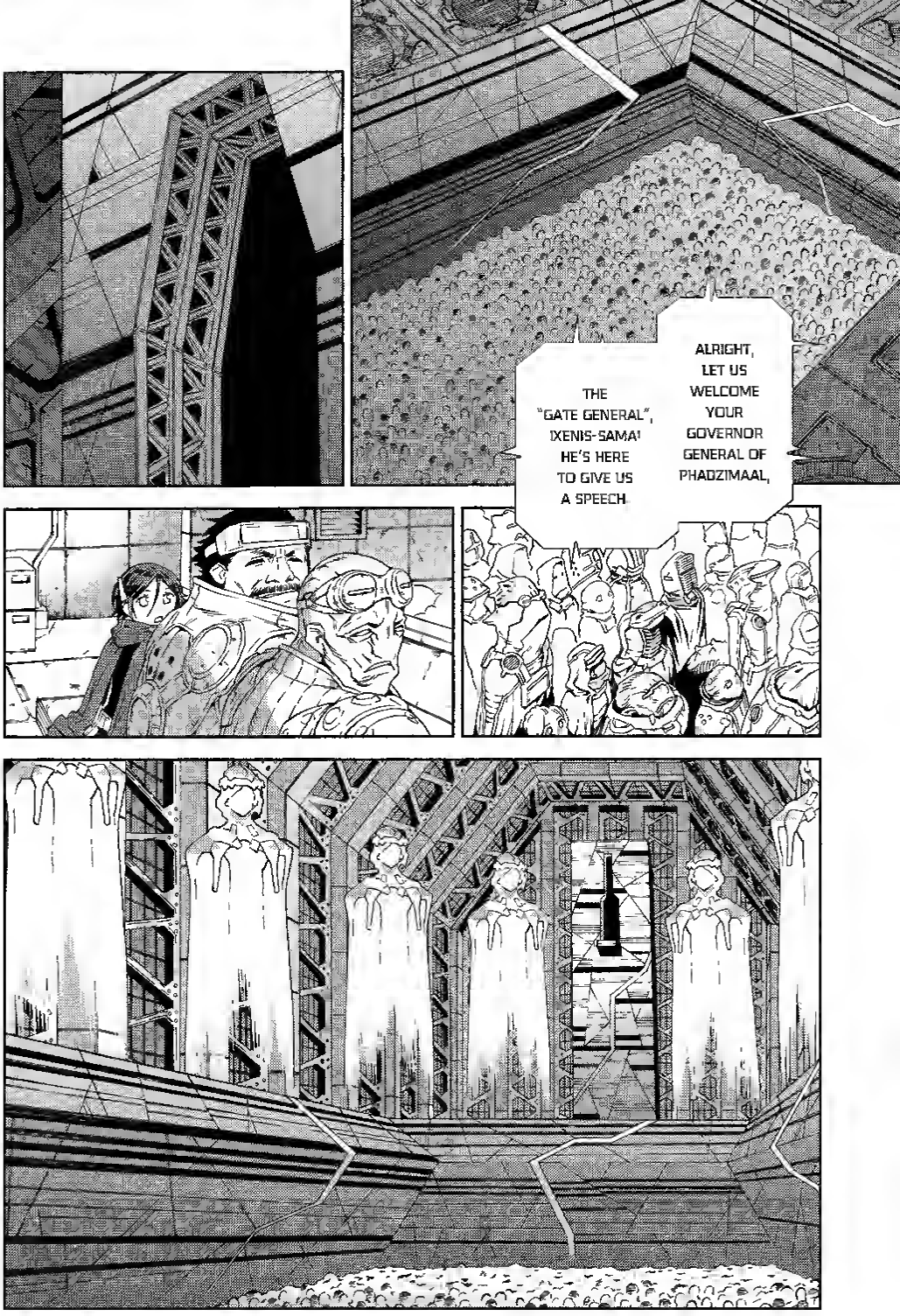

THE LORD OF A TINY EARLDOM PLANET, IIPHADZIT,
FIFTH IN LINE TO THE THRONE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF ZAISHION... OR USED TO BE.

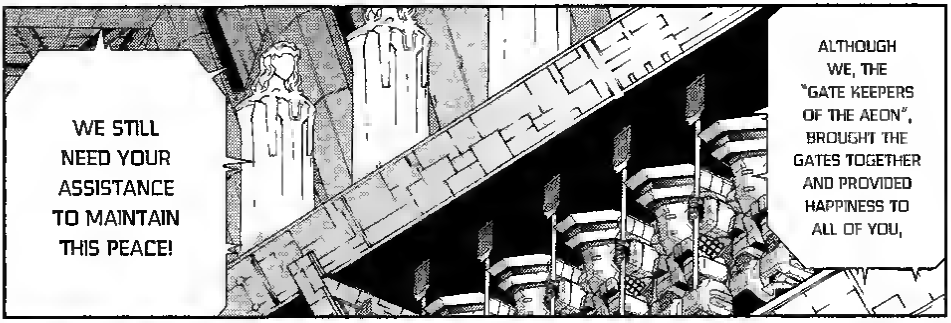
WITHIN THIS PLANET, THERE'S A CRACKING FURNACE IN THE CENTER.
IT'S USED FOR BREAKING UP THE MASSES OF LEFTOVER TRASH, FROM THE WAR, FLOATING WITHIN THE GALAXY. THE ENERGY GENERATED IS THEN USED TO FUEL THE PLANET'S OPERATION

AFTER MY KINGDOM COLLAPSED SIX YEARS AGO, I HAVE RESIDED AS A PEASANT IN PHADZIMAAL, AN ARTIFICIAL PLANET NEAR THE "GATE".

ALTHOUGH I'M A PLUMBER, HALF OF THE TIME I END UP EXTERMINATING TUBE WORMS INFESTING THE BOILER AREA.
THE WORMS ARE DANGEROUS CREATURES THAT COULD ATTACK HUMANS IF LEFT ALONE.
THREE YEARS AGO, I GRADUATED FROM A SCHOOL HERE AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 16...
I WAS THEN RECRUITED AS A PLUMBER IN IURAXGUL HOT SPRING TOWN.
SIR, YOUR ORDER
JATAÝ
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO EAT HERE, GO HOME!
YET HERE WE ARE EATING TERRIBLE FOOD FROM A STAND.
THE "FESTIVAL" IS TODAY,
WE GOT A BONUS FOR KILLING THE TUBE WORM, SO I ORDERED EXTRAS.


ALRIGHT, LET US WELCOME YOUR GOVERNOR GENERAL OF PHADZIMAAL,
THE "GATE GENERAL", IXENIS-SAMA! HE'S HERE TO GIVE US A SPEECH.

SO,
DID EVERYONE ENJOY THE "UNIFICATION OF AEON, 6TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL"?
GYA--!
IXENIS-SAMA!
IT'S GREAT!!!


ALTHOUGH WE, THE "GATE KEEPERS OF THE AEON", BROUGHT THE GATES TOGETHER AND PROVIDED HAPPINESS TO ALL OF YOU,
WE STILL NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE TO MAINTAIN THIS PEACE!

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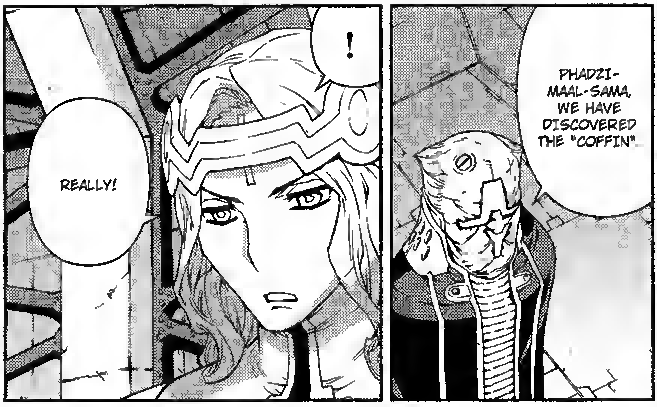
MANY YOUNG MEN HAVE JOINED,
AND OBTAINED THE POWER BOOSTER BADGE, "POWER ORDER"!
HM, THE "POWER ORDER"...
ISN'T THAT JUST A PRETTY NAME FOR AN ANTI-TREACHERY DEVICE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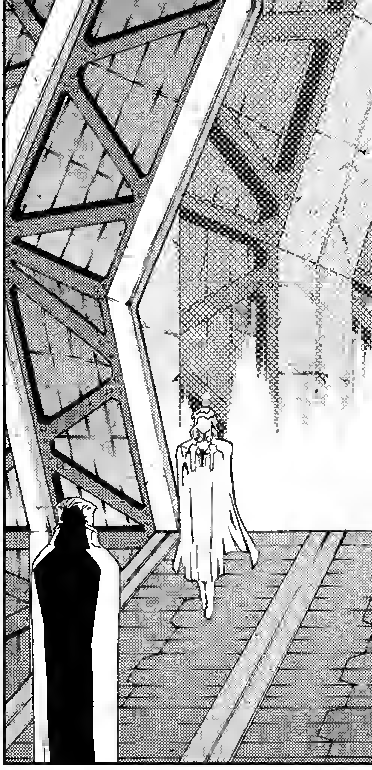
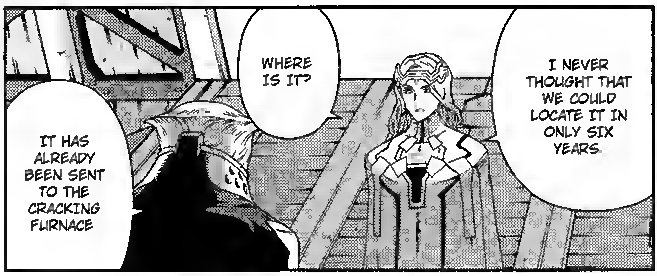
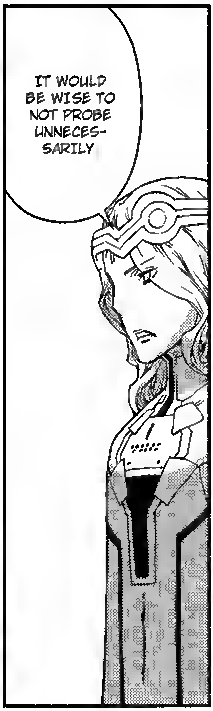
REALLY!
PHADZI-MAAL-SAMA, WE HAVE DISCOVERED THE "COFFIN"




WHERE IS IT?
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT WE COULD LOCATE IT IN ONLY SIX YEARS.
IT HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO THE CRACKING FURNACE

KUFUFU... WITH THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT,
I WILL SOON BE ABLE TO SAY GOODBYE TO THIS ROTTEN, BORDER GATE...!


IT WOULD BE WISE TO NOT PROBE UNNECES-SARILY
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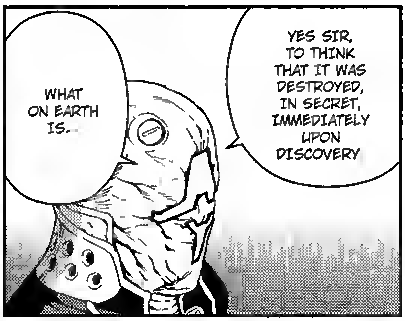
MAKE SURE THAT IT HAS BEEN BROKEN DOWN COMPLETELY AND REPORT BACK TO ME


YES SIR, TO THINK THAT IT WAS DESTROYED, IN SECRET, IMMEDIATELY UPON DISCOVERY
WHAT ON EARTH IS...

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THIS...
HAS PUT ME IN A GOOD MOOD!
HEY, CAREFUL THERE!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING TO THE ORDERS?
HUH?
!

THIS IS THE "POWER ORDER"...!
THIS IS MY NEW POWER FOR GETTING INTO THE ORDER...!
HAHA... AMAZ-ING...
UG-UH
AH
STOP IT, WODICC!
LYSJA?!
!
ISN'T THIS THE "PRINCE"?
MY, MY...

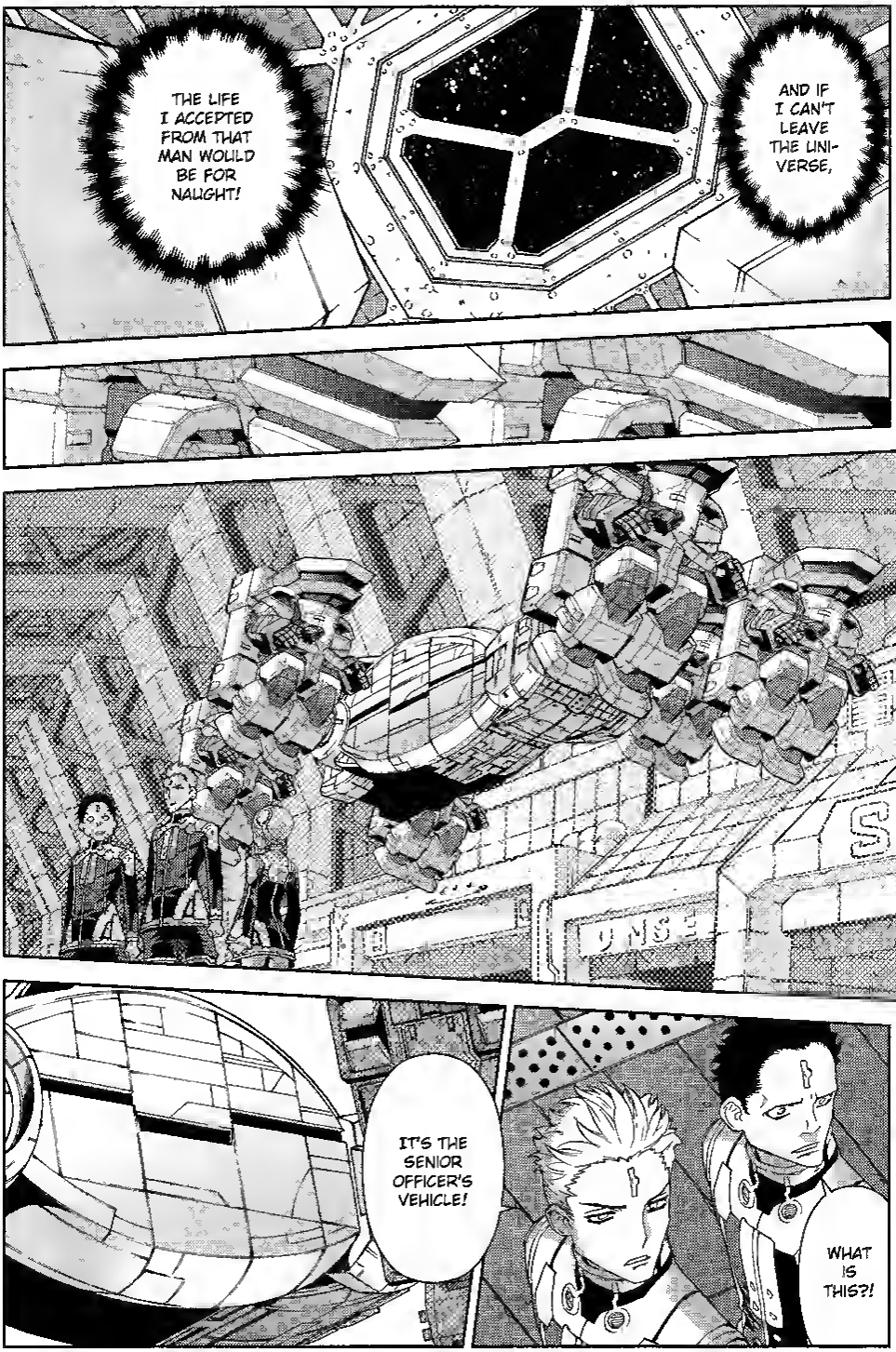
OPEN YOUR EYES, PAAMO SWEJNA,
THIS GUY HERE IS ONLY A PLUMBER.
EVEN THOUGH HE GRADUATED 3 YEARS AHEAD OF US.
LOOK AT US, WE'RE PART OF THE ORDER.
OOPS, WE GOT IN AHEAD OF YOU.
A LOWLY PEASANT LIKE YOU CAN'T ORDER US, THE "ORDERS" AROUND.
"HANDS OFF"?
TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF HIM!
STOP!
DID YOU KNOW?
WE CAN KILL A PEASANT AS WE PLEASE
AND WON'T BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR IT...

THAT'S ENOUGH, BROTHER!
YOU CAN BECOME PART OF THE "ORDERS" IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT!
.....
WHY DIDN'T I PASS?!
PLEASE TELL ME THE REASON!
HMM..

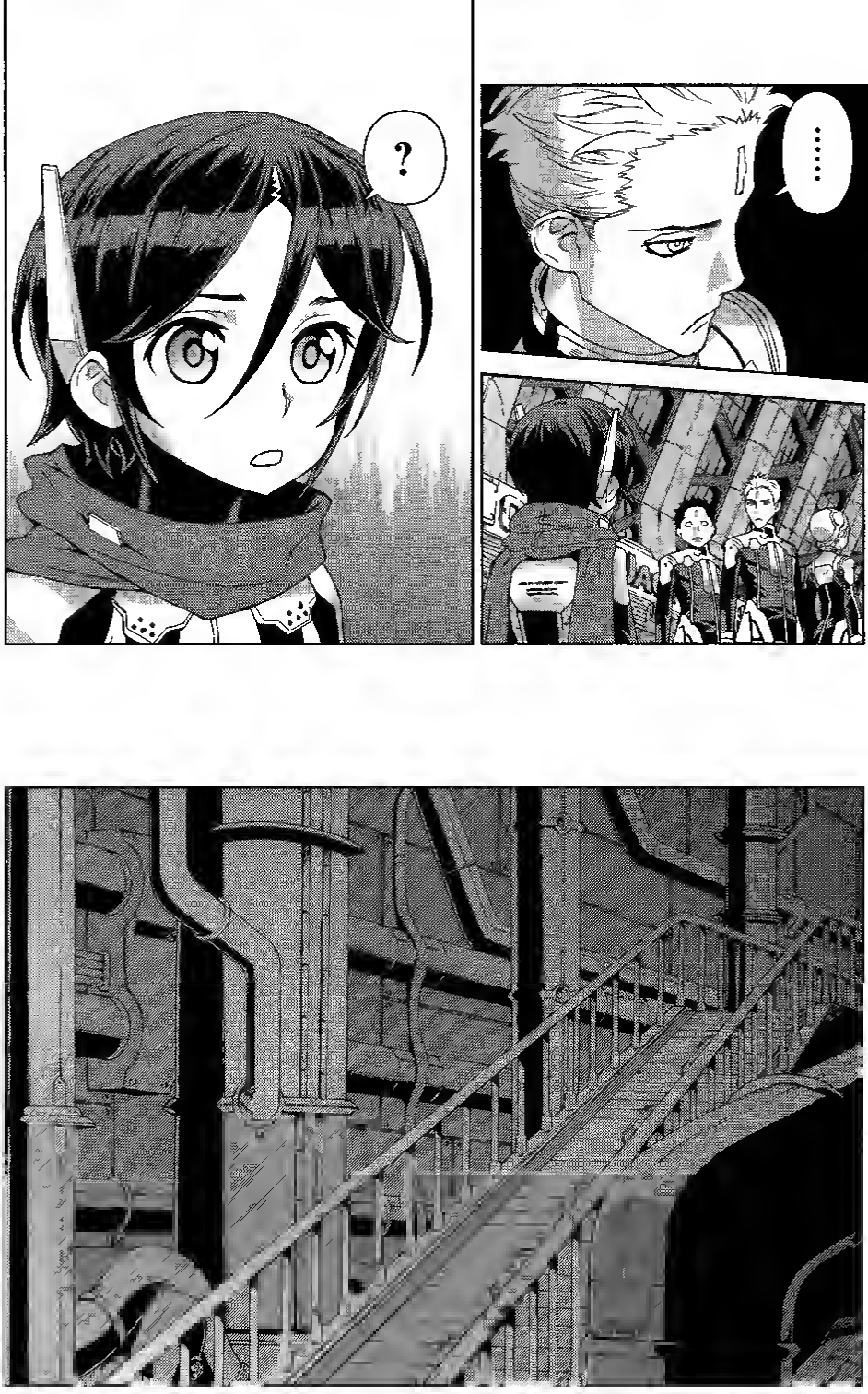
LYSJA LION IIPHADZIT, 19 YEARS OLD
OH,
YOU FIRST TOOK THE MILITARY QUALIFICATIONS WHEN YOU WERE 16.
... ARE YOU REALLY 19?
I WAS ASKED THE SAME QUESTION WHEN I WAS 17 AND 18 YEARS OLD.
THEN,
YOU MUST HAVE HEARD THIS MANY TIMES...
YOUR SIZE
IS TOO SMALL FOR THE MILITARY.
.....
TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES, AND LET ME CHECK.

THAT ARTIFICIAL HEART IS INTERFERING WITH YOUR GROWTH.
SO YOUR BODY IS PROBABLY TOO WEAK TO WITHSTAND THE "POWER ORDER".
HOW ABOUT THIS?
WHY DON'T YOU JOIN OUR MILITARY PROGRAM OF NEW SPECIES DEVELOP-MENT?
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN A STRONGER HEART AND A TOUGHER BODY.
THANKS, BUT NO.
THIS IS... VERY IMPORTANT TO ME...

YOU TOPPED EVERY SUBJECT TEST.
NO DOUBT YOU ARE AN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE IF WE OVERLOOK YOUR LACK OF FIGHTING SKILLS AND ENDURANCE.
IT IS TRULY A SHAME THAT I DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO OVERRIDE OUR PASSING REQUIREMENTS
TO BE ACCEPTED...
YOU WILL HAVE TO SPEAK TO THE GATE GENERAL DIRECTLY.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT LYSJA ?
IF... I CAN'T ENTER THE MILITARY...
BUT IF I CAN'T JOIN THE MILITARY
I CAN'T LEAVE THIS PLACE.
EVEN IF I HAVE TO JOIN THE GROUP THAT DESTROYED MY PLANET,


THE LIFE I ACCEPTED FROM THAT MAN WOULD BE FOR NAUGHT!
AND IF I CAN'T LEAVE THE UNI-VERSE,
IT'S THE SENIOR OFFICER'S VEHICLE!
WHAT IS THIS?!

THAT'S... IXENIS-SAMA!
!
THE GATE GENERAL WOULD ACTUALLY COME TO SUCH A PLACE?
A LUXURIOUS BATHHOUSE FOR SENIOR OFFICIALS.
THAT SHOULD BE THE EVIIDI HOT SPRING HOTEL
SPEAKING OF WHICH, I'VE HEARD RUMORS THAT IXENIS-SAMA ENJOYS BATHS VERY MUCH
AND SOME PEOPLE GOT THEMSELVES PROMOTED QUICKLY BY BUDDYING UP WITH THE HIGHER UPS WHO LIKE BATHS.



ALRIGHT, WE ENTER FROM ANOTHER BATHHOUSE AND GET OURSELVES LOST IN THE BOILER AREA
THEN WE'LL MISTAKENLY ENTER EVIII!
THEN WE CAN GAIN IXENIS-SAMA'S FAVOR.
BROTHER, WE CAN'T DO SUCH..
QUIET SWEJNA! IT'S FOR OUR SUCCESS!

YEAH.
I'VE FIXED THE OLD PIPES IN THIS AREA ABOUT THREE TIMES ALREADY.
YOU SURE?
THIS WAY.
.....
LOOKS LIKE YOU REALIZED THAT DEFYING THE "ORDERS" WILL DO YOU NO GOOD.
GOOD, YOU'RE BEING OBEDIENT.
OKAY
LET'S GO!

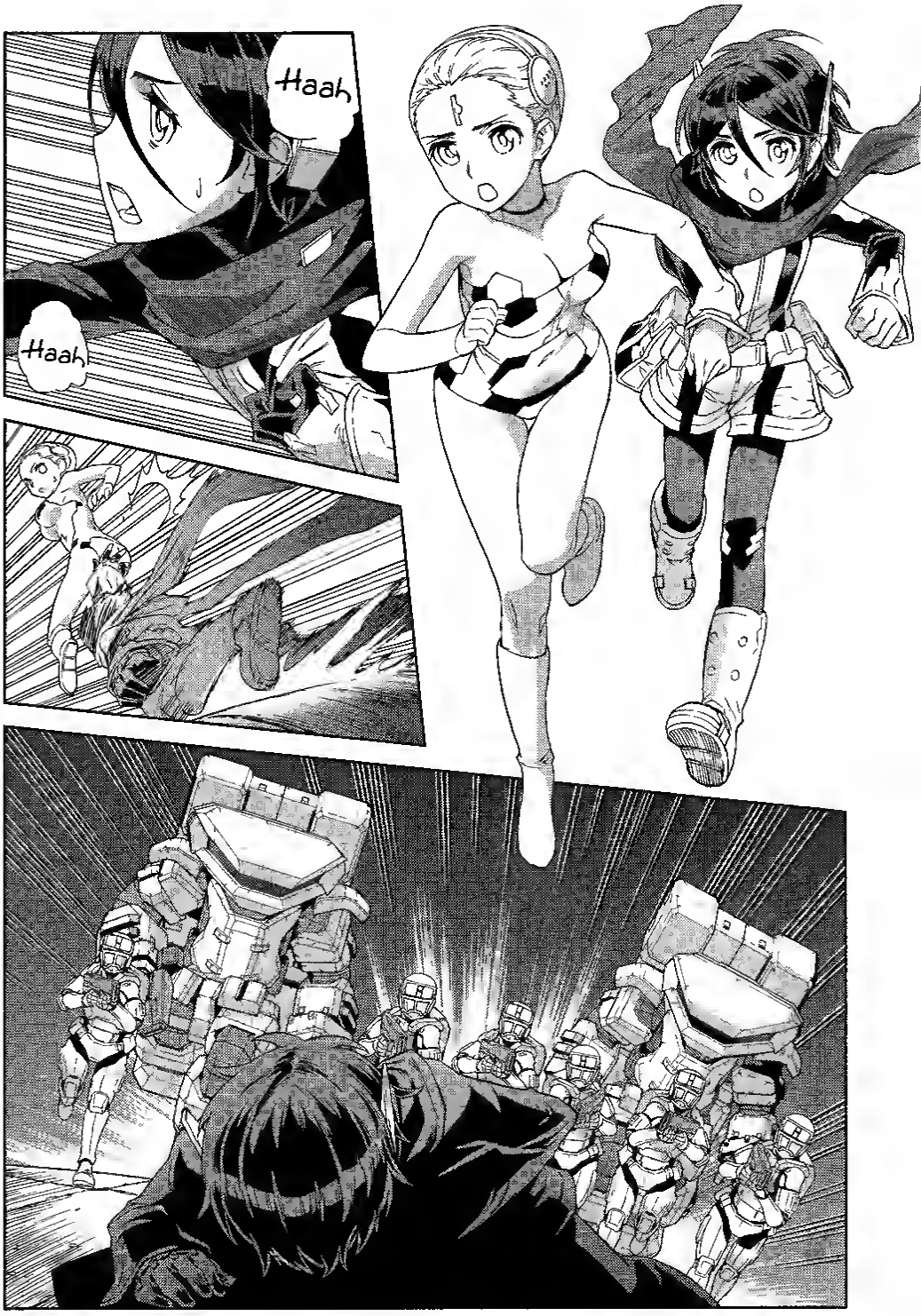
HOW DO YOU FEEL, IXENIS-SAMA?
AHHH... THIS IS THE BEST...
WE'RE HERE!
OKAY... LET'S PLEASE HIM WITH OUR LOVE FOR BATHS!

This is the beee-eest --!!!

THE DUCKS WERE BROUGHT TO THE UNIVERSE BY HUMANS. EVEN AFTER THOUSANDS OF YEARS, THEY STILL HAVE AN AFFECTIONATE RELATIONSHIP WITH HUMANS.
"DUCKS" ARE BIRDS OF THE ANATIDAE FAMILY, THEY WERE WIDELY BRED AS PETS OR A FOOD SOURCE ON THE ORIGINAL HOMEWORLD.
THE MITSUTSU SPACE DUCK
NO! NOT A SINGLE THING WE SAW, IXENIS-SAMA!
Someone is here and saw me---!!!
My secret recreational outfit has been discovered--!!!
!?
Gate General!
W...WHAT'S GOING ON? THESE PEOPLE!

SIR,
I HAVE TAKEN THE MILITARY QUALIFICATION TEST EVERY YEAR SINCE I WAS 16.
BUT I WAS FAILED FOUR TIMES CONSECUTIVELY BECAUSE OF MY SIZE.
SIR, WITH YOUR AUTHORITY, PLEASE MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR ME!
THIS ISN'T THE RIGHT TIME DAMMIT ---!!!
PLEASE!!

RUN... NOW!
CAP-TURE THEM!
AND THROW THESE GUYS INTO THE CRACKING FURNACE SO THEY WILL DISAPPEAR FROM THE AEON FOREVER!!!
LYSJA, LET'S GO!
I BEG YOU SIR!!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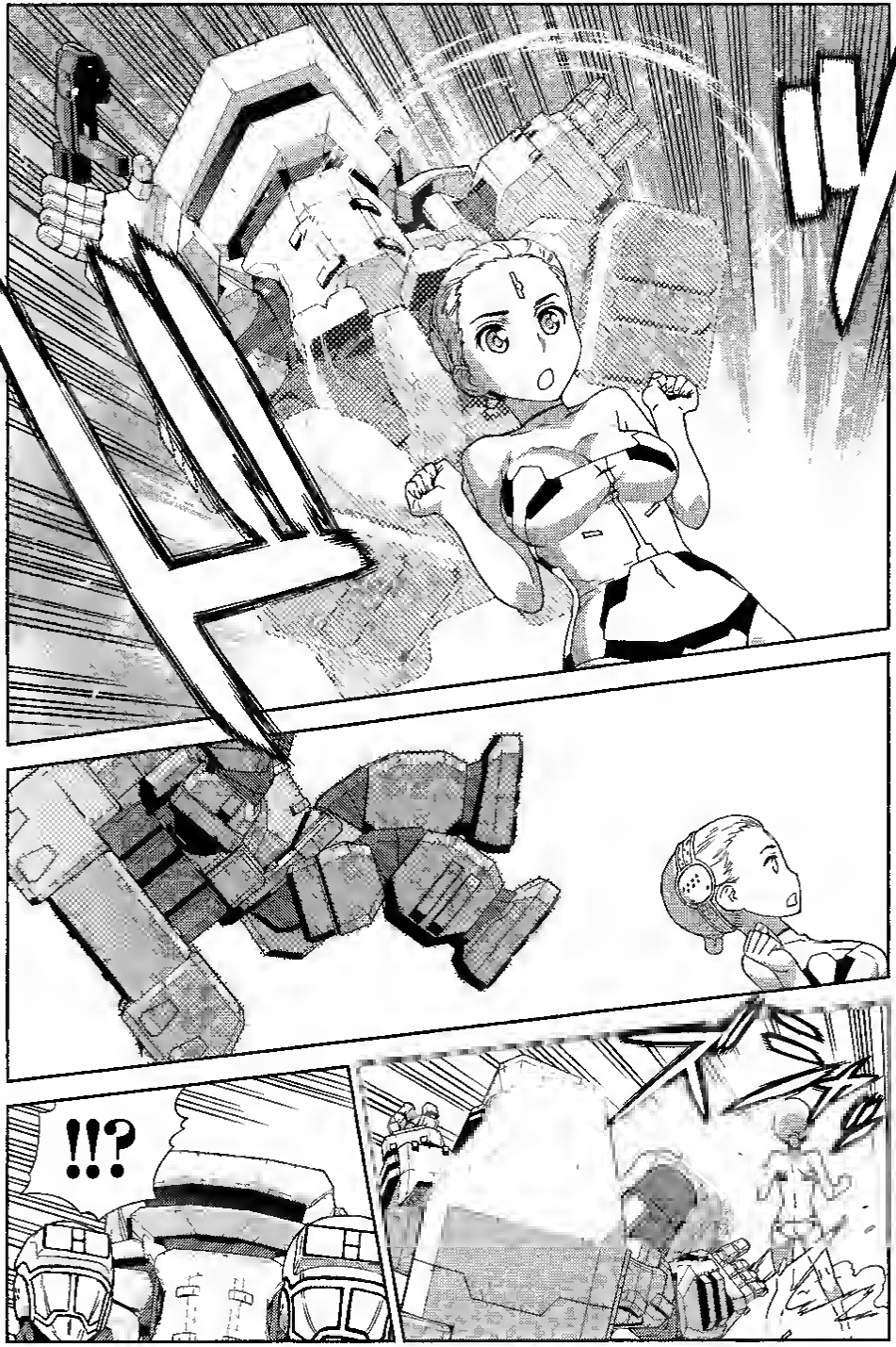
LYSJA!
!?
A CAT?!
I AM ÉNOC, A SPACE PIRATE.
AN OLD FRIEND ASKED ME FOR SOME FAVORS,
AND ONE OF THEM IS TO FIND YOU.
AN... OLD FRIEND...?

I GUESS THE CURRENT SETTINGS HAVE ALLOWED YOU TO LIVE WELL UNTIL NOW.
AGU!!
Caught ya!
!!
LYSJA!



Haah
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SOMEHOW... WE MANAGED TO ESCAPE...?
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WHERE'RE SWEJNA AND LYSJA?
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THAT NOISE...
IT'S...!
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WHAT'S THAT NOISE...?
THAT'S THE CRUSHING SOUND OF THE GARBAGE DISPOSAL UNIT CONNECTED TO THE CRACKING FURNACE...

CAN LYSJA DEFEAT THE DUST MONSTER WITH THE MYSTERIOUS POWER THAT HIS ARTIFICIAL HEART HAS GIVEN HIM?!

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